

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for forming rotatable bases for offices chairs comprising ~~characterized by~~ firmly coupling together at least two half-shells ~~(6, 6")~~ to form ~~overall~~ a plurality of spokes and a central ring (2), each spoke comprising ~~consisting of~~ an elongated monolithic box-shaped body ~~[[,]]~~ ~~and a central ring (4) and~~
inserting a column into said central ring ~~which a column is inserted.~~

2. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 2 1 further comprising forming each half shell with cavities and ~~characterized by~~ forming each spoke by having the cavities of each ~~one~~ half-shell ~~of substantially U-shape with the cavities of the spokes of one half-shell~~ facing the cavities of ~~the spokes of the~~ other half-shell.

3. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising joining ~~characterized in that~~ the two half-shells ~~are joined~~ together by welding.

4. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising joining ~~characterized in that~~ the two half-shells ~~are joined~~ together by glueing.

5. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising joining ~~characterized in that~~ the two half-shells ~~are joined~~ together by mechanical coupling.

6. (Currently Amended) An office chair base comprising a central ring,

a plurality of spokes radially extending along different angles[[,]] from a said central ring, ~~into which is inserted~~ a column inserted into said central ring and supporting a chair seat, wherein each spoke comprises ~~characterized in that each arm consists of at least two portions~~ half-shells firmly coupled to each other ~~so as~~ to form a monolithic box-shaped body.

7.(Currently Amended) A base for office chairs, as claimed in claim 6 wherein ~~characterized in that~~ each half-shell is substantially U-shaped ~~of U-shape~~ with the cavities ~~of the spokes~~ of one half-shell facing the cavities ~~of the spokes~~ of the other half-shell.

8.(Currently Amended) A base as claimed in claim 6, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ for every cross-section, each half-shell has lateral vertical portions and a horizontal portion, the ~~presents~~ lateral vertical portions ~~(14, 14')~~ of having lesser thickness than the thickness of the horizontal portion ~~(10, 10')~~.

9.(Currently Amended) A base as claimed in claim 6, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ each half-shell has ~~presents~~ ribs ~~(12, 12')~~ which are ~~transverse and/or~~ longitudinal to the axis of the spoke.

10.(Currently Amended) A base as claimed in claim 6, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ each spoke has a center and a wheel connection point, each spoke having a ~~(2)~~ ~~presents a total~~ cross-section which narrows from the center ~~centre~~ to the wheel connection point.

11. (Currently Amended) A base as claimed in claim 6, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the two half-shells have ~~present~~ a projecting edge ~~(8, 8')~~ extending along their entire length.

12. (Currently Amended) A base as claimed in claim 6, wherein said spokes are ~~characterized by being~~ formed of plastic material.